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INFOSYS DRAGGED TO U.S. COURT BY COGNIZANT UNIT FOR ALLEGED THEFT

TriZetto accused the Indian IT major of stealing trade secrets and information related to healthcare insurance software

INFOSYS RUBBISHES ALL ALLEGATIONS

Trizetto, in the lawsuit, said Infosys illegally accessed data from its software — Facets and QNXT — and used it to develop and market a competing product. It also alleged that Infosys created software to extract data from QNXT that contained confidential information. For its part, Infosys denied the allegations and said it will defend its position in court

COGNIZANT SEEKS MONETARY DAMAGES

- Cognizant asked the court for an unspecified amount of monetary damages and an order for Infosys to stop misusing its trade secret, *Reuters* reported
- Interestingly, a few top leaders of Cognizant have come from Infosys, including current CEO Ravi Kumar S, *PTI* reported. Earlier this week, Infosys executive Rajesh Varrier was named Cognizant India's CMD **P12**

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THE DAY THE CASE WAS FILED IN A TEXAS COURT BY COGNIZANT

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Pension wrinkles off in new scheme

UPS will benefit 23 lakh govt employees who joined service under the National Pension System

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

AMID ongoing protests by the non-BJP ruled states regarding the New Pension Scheme (NPS), the Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Saturday approved a Unified Pension Scheme (UPS), designed to offer guaranteed pension benefits, family pensions, and a minimum assured pension for government employees.

Under this new scheme, the government will ensure that employees receive a pension equivalent to 50% of their salary. The government's contribution to the pension scheme has increased from 14% to 18.5%.

This newspaper had earlier reported that the new pension scheme will be based on Andhra Pradesh's guaranteed pension scheme, under which, pensioners receive 50% of their last drawn basic salary along with dearness allowance or DA.

Union minister Ashwani Vaishnaw said the scheme will benefit 23 lakh Central government employees and will be implemented on April 1, 2025. It will allow employees the flexibility to choose between the National Pension System (NPS) and the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS). This choice will be final for both current and future employees.

The UPS guarantees government employees a pension equal to 50% of their average basic salary from the last 12 months preceding retirement, provided they have completed a minimum of 25 years of service.

In the event of the pensioner's death, their family will receive 60% of the pension amount that was being disbursed at the time of passing. The scheme guarantees employees a minimum monthly pension of ₹10,000 after retirement, provided they have completed a minimum of 10 years of service. All schemes will be adjusted for inflation.

A lumpsum will be given at the time of superannuation, in addition to gratuity. Employees will get 1/10th of their monthly salary (plus pay and DA) for every six months of completed service. This lump sum will not affect the amount of the guaranteed pension.

The provisions of the UPS will also apply to employees who have already retired under the NPS. Retirees will receive arrears for the previous period, along with interest.

SALIENT FEATURES

- **50%** of the average basic pay drawn over the last 12 months prior to superannuation upon minimum **25 years** of service
- Assured family pension @ **60%** of pension of the employee immediately before her/his demise
- Assured minimum pension of **₹10,000** on retirement after minimum 10 years of service

The Unified Pension Scheme ensures dignity and financial security for government employees, aligning with our commitment to their well-being and a secure future

—Narendra Modi

Dr G's Delhi stay triggers change of guard speculation

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

THOUGH CM Siddaramaiah returned to Bengaluru from Delhi on Friday night, Home Minister **Dr G Parameshwara** staying back and meeting Rahul Gandhi and others has led to speculation about a change in guard in Karnataka soon. The CM, accompanied by DyCM DK Shivakumar and others, held talks with the Congress high command on the likely repercussions of the High Court verdict on MUDA case.

On Saturday, Dr Parameshwara held a meeting with AICC general secretary(organisation) KC Venugopal for about one hour at the latter's residence in New Delhi. What transpired between them is not known.

But Venugopal, considered a close confidant of Rahul Gandhi, strongly backed Siddaramaiah to continue as CM, according to sources. In the event of a change in guard, he and Siddaramaiah will play a key role, the sources added.

It all depends on the order of the high court, which will hear the case on August 29. Siddaramaiah has challenged Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot's sanction to prosecute him in the case.

Dr Parameshwara also met AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, according to a source. **P4**

One year on, cheetahs to be set free into the wild

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

NAMIBIAN and South African cheetahs housed in big enclosures at Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park since last year's monsoon following the death of three cheetahs, are set to be released into the wild again after the present rainy season is over. The release will be in phases.

Of the 25 cheetahs, including 12 adults (one male adult is already in the wild) and the 12 cubs currently housed in enclosures, the adults will first be released into the wild, possibly in October, as the monsoon mostly withdraws from large areas of MP by then. "The cheetahs will be released in the wild in phases and the male coalitions could be the first ones to be released in the forest after the monsoon is over," Rajesh Gopal, who heads the Cheetah Project Steering Committee told this newspaper over phone on Saturday.

The two male coalitions currently in the enclosures are Prabhas and Pavak and Agni and Vayu. They are likely to be the first ones to be released in the forests. **P5**

EXPRESS READ

Chevron to invest ₹8,300 cr in K'taka

Bengaluru: Energy firm Chevron on Saturday announced an investment of ₹8,300 crore to set up its Engineering and Innovation Centre of Excellence here. It was announced during a meeting attended by Minister for Large and Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development MB Patil & others | **P4**

SC junks plea of Gauri's sister to cancel bail

New Delhi: The Supreme Court rejected a plea filed by Kavitha Lankesh challenging Karnataka HC's order which had granted bail to an accused in the murder case of her sister and journalist Gauri Lankesh. "We don't find any merit in the appeal filed by the petitioner. The same is rejected," the court said | **P5**

Ex-principal of RG Kar, six others take lie-detector test

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

THE CBI on Saturday re-registered a case against Dr Sandip Ghosh, former principal of the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital over financial irregularities, after taking over the probe from a state-constituted SIT on the directions of the Calcutta High Court.

Ghosh resigned as principal of RG Kar two days after a 31-year-old PG trainee doctor's body was found inside the seminar hall of the college on August 9. Hours later, he was appointed as principal of the Calcutta National Medical College and Hospital, drawing adverse reactions from all quarters.

The HC directed the CBI to submit its progress report on the investigation within three weeks and scheduled a follow-up hearing on September 17.

The CBI subjected Ghosh and four other doctors to a lie detector test. The four doctors had dinner with the victim on August 8. Ghosh arrived at the CBI's office in Salt Lake in the morning for the ninth day consecutive day, and was taken for the test.

The CBI also conducted a polygraph test of Sanjoy Roy and another friend of Roy. The probe agency's note to the trial court seeking judicial custody of Sanjoy Roy makes no mention of gangrape or possible involvement of more than one person in the August 9 crime.

EXPRESS INTAKE

Guv returned 6 bills: CM | **P4**

'Don't disturb tigers' | **P4**

Amaravati construction from Dec 1 | **P5**

2 minor girls killed by stepfather

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A man allegedly hacked his two stepdaughters to death with a machete at their house in Kaveri Layout, Dasarahalli, on Saturday evening.

The accused, Mohan, a grocery delivery agent, is absconding. He hails from Dehradun in Uttarakhand.

The deceased have been identified as Soni, 16, a class 10 student, and Shrusti, 14, a class 8 student. Mohan married their mother Anitha Yadav, who hails from Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh, nine years ago. Anitha found her daughters lying dead in a pool of blood after returning home from work. She works in a garment factory in Dasarahalli. **P5**

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